

Appl. No. 10/669,484  
Reply to Office action of March 20, 2006

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, and 25 - 30 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 29 being independent. Claims 1 and 29 are currently amended, and claims 2, 5 - 9, 12 - 16, 18 - 24, and 31 are canceled. These changes are believed to add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

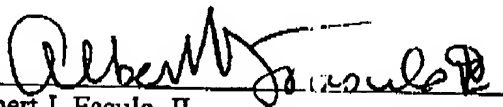
Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, and 25 - 30 if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 1 and 29 have been amended to recite Markush groups in proper form, thereby overcoming the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested and allowance of this application is believed warranted. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 443-778-5639.

Respectfully,

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